

September 26, 2003

Obit: Carol Emily Dausch

- Carol Emily Erdmann was born in Aberdeen, South Dakota on April 4, 1940, the older of two children born to Alfred and Emily (Olson) Erdmann. They lived in Stratford until 1949 when they moved to Groton and their family started Erdmann Electric.
- Carol graduated from Groton High School in 1958 and went on to Valparaiso University, Valparaiso, IN. She graduated in 1963 with a double major in English and Religion. Her specialty in Youth Leadership Training required a one-year internship.
- Following a nearly unanimous congregational vote in 1963, Carol accepted a call to Our Saviour Lutheran Church in Baltimore, MD as the Director of Youth Ministry. The only member of the congregation that voted not to call a Youth Ministry Director was a fiscally conservative law student.
- Just over a year later, Carol and that law student, Michael Joseph Dausch III, were married on August 1, 1964 at St. John's Lutheran church in Groton. They were blessed with three children, Gretchen Elisa, Michael Joseph IV, and Laura Carolyn. Carol resigned from her position with Our Saviour when Gretchen was born, however, she continued to be an active and faithful member of the congregation for forty years. Carol taught Sunday School and confirmation classes, sang in the choir, worked on the altar guild, chaired many congregational committees and was involved in starting and guiding the daycare center.
- Carol began to volunteer at the Towson Branch of the Baltimore County Public Library in 1977, and later began to work part-time in the Materials Selection Department. An avid reader, Carol in a library was like a child in a candy store. In 1983, she received her Masters Degree in Library Science from the University of Maryland College Park. She began working as a librarian in the Baltimore County Public Library System following graduation. She worked in branches all over the county, including Arbutus, Woodlawn, Pikesville, Towson, Rosedale, White Marsh, Essex, and North Point. Most recently she was the branch manager in Rosedale.
- Carol had many hobbies: cooking, embroidering, gardening, singing, reading and grand mothering! She was a 4-H leader as the children were growing up. She continued to be a supporter of her university through the Valparaiso University Guild.
- Carol has been an inspiration to all in her four-year long struggle with colon cancer. She continued to work at the library, serve her church and live life as normally as possible until her death on September 22, 2003.
- She is survived by her husband Michael; children Gretchen E. Michaels and her husband Robert, Michael and his wife Lisa, and Laura C. Reiners and her husband Robert; grandchildren Charles, Caroline, Robert, Kaitlin, Abigail, Sean, and Benjamin; sister Elsa G. Felten and her husband Douglas; brother-in-law John K. Dausch and his wife Sally; and numerous nieces and nephews.
- In lieu of flowers, the family requests that memorials be sent to: Our Saviour Lutheran Daycare, 3301 The Alameda, Balto., MD 21218, The Lutheran Mission Society of Maryland, 1201 S. Charles St., Balto., MD 21230 or Rosedale Branch of the Baltimore Co. Public Library, 6105 Kenwood Ave., Balto., MD 21237.